REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed November 1, 2005, the Examiner noted that claims 1-41 were pending, that claims 20, 21, 26 and 17 have been withdrawn from consideration, and rejected claims 1-19, 22-25, and 28-41. Claims 1-19, 22-25, and 28-41 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

On page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 9, 11, 12, 14, 28, 31, 34, 35, and 38-41 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by Hanrahan. It appears that the Examiner rejects the claims over Hanrahan based on a misapprehension of the claims and without considering certain features recited in the claims as discussed below.

On page 2, the Examiner alleged the certain claim limitations argued with respect to patentability of claims 1 and 2 were not found in the claims. In particular, the Examiner alleged that the recitation "based on brush orientations that minimize a distortion of a painted texture when displayed on the surface" does not appear in claim 1, 22, 28, 31 and 33-41. The Examiner is requested to review claims 1, 22, 28, 31 and 33-41 where the limitation of concern can be found therein and where this feature has the result of solving a mapping problem as previously discussed. In particular the Examiner also alleged that a recitation concerning minimizing distortion regardless of the view was not found in claim 2. The Examiner is requested to note the recitation in claim 2 of " the distortion is minimized independently of view". It appears from the Examiner comments on pages 2 and 3 of the Action that these limitations alleged as not being present in the claims were not considered in issuing the latest Action. Consideration of the limitations discussed above is requested.

In a telephone discussion on January 11, 2006, this issue was brought to the attention of the Examiner. The Examiner indicated that the rejection would be reconsidered and that the next Action would not be made final.

It is submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

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If any further fees, other than and except for the issue fee, are necessary with respect to this paper, the U.S.P.T.O. is requested to obtain the same from deposit account number 19-3935.

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